

DRAFT

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Building 113, Main Conference Room
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
May 5, 2006
8:30 a.m.**

Attendance:

Chana Ramsey, Chair; Violet Hite, Vice-Chair; Isabel Vartanian, Member; Cleveland Rodgers, Member; Linda Masri, Member, and Betty Velez, Member.

Guests:

Dr. Charles, CSH Facility Medical Director; Jennifer Barker, Patient Rights Coordinator/CSH; Michael Curseen, Human Rights Program Supervisor/Office of Human Rights; Tonya Cunningham, Human Rights Advocate Senior/Office of Human Rights; Jim Bell, Forensic Unit Director; and Rose Mitchell, Executive Secretary/Office of Human Rights.

Absent:

Tonya Cunningham, Human Rights Advocate Senior/Office of Human Rights

I. Call to Order: 8:40 am

II. Minutes of April 7, 2006, Meeting

Minutes were approved without comment by the Committee.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. New Business

(Executive Session)

The committee approved a Motion to move into Executive session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711 (A), Paragraph 15, for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business.

The following subject matter was discussed in Executive Session:

Monthly Abuse Summary: March 2006

Formal Human Rights Complaints – April 2006

Bi-Annual Informal Human Rights Complaints – Nov. 2005/April 2006

Spit Mask Usage – April 2006

(Return to Open Session)

Upon reconvening in open session, the Central State Hospital Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session

- A. Monthly Abuse Summary: March 2006 – Presented by Jennifer Barker
A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept Ms. Barker's report.
- B. Formal Human Rights Complaints – April 2006 – Presented by Jennifer Barker
 - 1) **The Committee approved a motion to review the Hospital Director's follow-up the concerning the civil units' procedures for dispensing medications at the June 2, 2006 LHRC meeting.**
 - 2) **The Committee approved a motion to address a letter to Southside Virginia Training Center via Dr. Davis, CSH Hospital Director, regarding housekeeping deficiencies in the forensic unit.**
- C. Bi-Annual Informal Complaints (Nov. 2005/April 2006) – Presented by Jennifer Barker
The Committee unanimously approved a motion to accept Ms. Barker's report.
- D. Spit Mask Usage – April 2006 – Presented by Michael Curseen
 - 1) **The Committee unanimously approved a motion to accept Mr. Curseen's report.**
 - 2) **The Committee also approved a motion regarding the Hospital Director's recommendation that he meets with the Infection Control Nurse, Director of Nursing and Jennifer Barker to develop a strategy for insuring that the data reported on spit mask report forms are accurate, timely and consistent with the policies and timeframes governing the use of the spit mask and the use of ambulatory restraints. The Committee will receive the Hospital Director's report on this follow-up issue at the June 2, 2006 LHRC meeting.**
- E. Monthly Variance Report for April 2006 – Presented by Jim Bell

Mr. Bell reported that there were no reportable incidents involving the

four approved forensic variances during the month of April 2006.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept Mr. Bell's report.

V. Follow-up Business

(Executive Session)

The committee approved a Motion to move into Executive session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711 (A), Paragraph 15, for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business.

The following subject matter was discussed in Executive Session:

Follow-up: Issues Identified From Spit Guard Usage – February 06

(Coming out of Executive Session)

Upon reconvening in open session, the Central State Hospital Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

1. Follow-up: Issues Identified From Spit Guard Usage – February 06

A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept this report.

2. LHRC Request for Follow-up Action on Restrictive Procedure:

Mrs. Barker reported that the practice of locking bathroom doors during the administration of medications in both Forensic Units has been discontinued. The LHRC reviewed a memo sent to forensic psychiatrists, the Director of Nursing and the Forensic Unit Director from Dr. Forbes, CSH Medical Director, instructing heads of treatment teams to address problems with patients "cheeking" medications on a case-by-case basis. The Committee questioned whether or not the practice of locking bathroom doors during medication administration was limited to the forensic units.

The Committee unanimously approved a motion requesting confirmation that the practice of locking bathroom doors during medication administration was not occurring in the civil units and that Dr. Forbes' memorandum instructing heads of treatment teams to address problems with patients "cheeking" medications on a case-by-case basis be addressed with the civil unit psychiatrists. The Committee will review the Hospital Director's follow-up concerning this request at the June 2, 2006 LHRC meeting.

3. Follow-up Action for Unauthorized Use of Cook-Chill Units:

Ms. Barker reported that SVTC food service performs routine daily checks for unauthorized items in the cook-chill units and also indicated that nursing services perform random checks of the cook-chill units as well.

1) The Committee unanimously approved a motion requesting a follow-up report of the outcome of the hospital's random checks of the cook-chill units performed during May 2006 at the June 2, 2006 LHRC meeting.

2) The Committee unanimously approved a motion to accept Mrs. Barker's report.

4. Follow-up on Letter Requesting Attorney General's Opinion – Case #05-0107:

The Committee unanimously approved a motion for the Chair to follow-up with Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director, to determine whether the Committee's written request for an opinion from the Office of Attorney General was received and whether the request has been forwarded to the Attorney General's office.

VI. Hospital Director's Comments:

Dr. Davis reported attending the VCSB Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia and expressed satisfaction regarding the efforts of Central State Hospital State Hospital towards achieving this end. Dr. Davis indicated that meeting focused on patient recovery. Dr. Davis shared that facilitators are working to find solutions to minimize clients' chances for repeatedly reentering the mental health system. Dr. Davis also shared that recidivism based on substance abuse is very high and is a major factor in violent behaviors among the mentally ill.

VII. Adjournment: 11:00 am

Next Meeting Date: June 2, 2006